



The Pipeline

Co-Pays For Some Medicaid Recipients Began August 1

CHS Communications

On August 1 a new law began requiring certain Medicaid and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program recipients to pay a \$1 co-payment for every prescription. The law is the result of legislation approved by the 2002 General Assembly.

The co-pay was instituted to help with the deficit in the Medicaid budget and will allow recipients to share in managing their health costs and utilization.

Medicaid recipients will not have to pay a co-payment if they are:

- ◆ Under age 18
- ◆ Pregnant or within 60 days after delivering their baby
- ◆ In a nursing home, personal care home or intermediate care facility for people with mental retardation (ICF/MR)
- ◆ Receiving hospice services
- ◆ A state-placed foster child
- ◆ Enrolled in Passport Health (The co-payment will only apply to prescriptions not covered by Passport. For example, they will pay a co-payment for medicine prescribed by a psychiatrist.) Passport, a Medicaid health plan in the Louisville area, chose not to require co-pays.

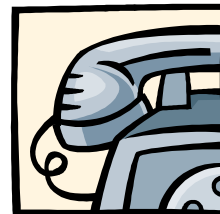
If Medicaid recipients are not able to pay the \$1 at the time they pick up a prescription, they still owe the payment to the pharmacist. Those who owe a co-payment will have the obligation printed on their Medicaid card.

The Cabinet for Health Services is distributing posters to pharmacies about the co-pays. Medicaid and KCHIP recipients were notified of the co-payments by mail in June and July.

If you have questions or want more information, please call the Department

for Medicaid Services toll-free at 1-800-635-2570. (TTY 1-800-775-0296, for those who are deaf or hard of hearing only).

Directory Assistance Calls Adding Up to Big Bill\$



An increasing number of directory assistance calls are adding up to significant charges to CFC. These charges can range anywhere from .45 cents up to \$4.00, depending on your location, the location you request and time of day.

To alleviate these costs you, CFC employees are urged to utilize the web sites listed below to find phone numbers, names, etc. These web sites are FREE and provide white pages, yellow pages, reverse lookup, etc.

Please help your Cabinet save valuable state dollars. Using these web sites, instead of directory assistance, is one way each of us can help accomplish this.

Free Directory Assistance Online:

- ◆ www.switchboard.com
- ◆ www.anywho.com
- ◆ www.superpages.com
- ◆ www.infospace.com
- ◆ www.realpages.com

If you have questions or concerns, contact Bill Davies in GOT at 564-5270.

Curbing A Problem

When parking your car or making brief stops at the entrance to the Human Resources building, please do not block the curb cuts that provide access for disabled employees and visitors. These curb cuts are meant to provide access, and a car blocking them removes that access.

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How Safe Is Your Driving?

By Patricia Boler

Recently, employees have voiced complaints about driving safety here in the CHR Building parking lot. There is concern that some drivers are not as cautious as necessary when cruising for a place to park or leaving the lot for the day.

Drivers have been witnessed scarfing down food, talking on cell phones and putting on make-up instead of watching the road. An employee recently reported two vehicles that appeared to be drag-racing through our parking lot.

Speeding, carelessness and distractions can lead to serious accidents involving pedestrians and other vehicles. These circumstances can influence a driver's ability to operate, control and maneuver a vehicle.

Any time a driver gets behind the wheel of a car, he or she is expected to follow all of Kentucky's basic driving regulations. These include driving at the proper speed and being cautious of pedestrians. Pedestrians must also be cautious as they move from between parked vehicles, to be sure that drivers can see them in time to stop, if necessary.

By law, drivers must yield to pedestrians when they are in a crosswalk where there is no traffic light (the crosswalk does **NOT** have to be marked) and in any situation that could threaten a pedestrian's life. These regulations apply to our parking facility!

The Kentucky State Police Post web site reports 22,262 collisions in parking lots and on private property in the year 2000. Collisions with pedestrians accounted for seven percent of all fatal collisions in that same year, resulting in 52 deaths. Five Kentuckians died in collisions involving ***parked*** vehicles.

The speed limit in our parking lot, and in all other Kentucky off-street parking facilities, is **15 miles per hour**. Speeders and reckless drivers can be

reported to city and/or state police or detained for police action. Any time a driver endangers another's life, our Facilities Security officers are prepared to take immediate action, up to and including arrest.

Officers monitor the first floor entrance to the building and the parking lot to ensure safety. "Security improvements are ongoing," said Officer C.D. Sutton, who patrols our parking lot. "We are prepared and *sworn* to take necessary action to protect the public."

Employees are encouraged to take down information on vehicles involved in speeding, reckless driving and other incidents that can be hazardous to pedestrians and other drivers. A license plate number, make and model of the vehicle should be given to a security officer immediately, along with details of the incident.

Here are some general tips to follow to ensure you are driving safely.

- ◆ Obey Kentucky's speed limit for off-street parking facilities - 15 miles per hour.
- ◆ Obey traffic laws. Violation of traffic laws can result in accumulating points on your driver's license, arrest, license suspension or even revocation of your driving privileges.
- ◆ In order to avoid last-second moves, look far enough ahead to see objects, vehicles and pedestrians early.
- ◆ Watch for "one-way" signs and travel in the correct direction. Traveling in the wrong direction on a one-way street, such as the area that surrounds our lot, is against the law.
- ◆ Unauthorized parking in designated handicapped parking areas is unlawful and is subject to a fine.
- ◆ Avoid distractions that take away from your ability to operate your vehicle.

ADA Parking Assignments Assessed

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires reasonable accommodations for employees and visitors with disabilities. Cabinet for Families and Children employees with a "qualified disability," as defined in the ADA, may request accessible, reserved parking spaces at their work sites. Reserved ADA-accessible parking is also available for our visitors with disabilities.

CFC employees at the Human Resources (HR) Building are asked to contact Greg Slattery in the Finance Cabinet by August 15, 2002 if:

- ◆ you require and qualify for an ADA-accessible parking space, but do not have one; or
- ◆ you require and qualify for an ADA-accessible parking space, but are parking currently in an area not designated for employee ADA-accessible parking.

You may reach Mr. Slattery by phone at 564-2205, ext. 231, or by e-mail at Gregory.Slattery@mail.state.ky.us.

The security doors on the lower-level parking lot at the HR Building in Frankfort make this entrance inaccessible to our visitors with disabilities. For that reason, the HR Building parking areas are being redesigned to improve accessibility for visitors and employees with disabilities. When the parking lot redesign is complete, all visitor parking (ADA and non-ADA) will be located on the main level (first floor) lot and all employee parking (ADA and non-ADA) currently on the main level will be relocated to the lower (basement) level lot. Similar improvements will be made as needed at other cabinet work sites.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Johnette Cotton, Manager, CFC EEO Compliance Branch at 564-2767 ext. 4105, or by e-mail at Johnette.Cotton@mail.state.ky.us.

KECC Kickoff Is Next Week

By Anya Armes Weber

The 2002 Kentucky Employees Charitable Campaign (KECC) will begin with a kickoff Tuesday, Aug. 6, at Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center.

The event will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol, where representatives from each state agency will march their flags to the civic center.

This year's KECC theme is "The Winner's Circle." State agencies are each making table centerpieces with items that will benefit the KECC charities. CFC's charities are WHAS's Crusade for Children and the Louisville's Cerebral Palsy KIDS Center, a United Way agency. The Crusade for Children buys educational materials that benefit special needs children. The Cerebral Palsy KIDS Center provides early intervention for children for children with cerebral palsy and similar disabilities.

CFC's KECC committee is collecting items for the kickoff, including things for babies (teethers, rattles, small toys, bibs or books) and for children (videos, crayons, erasable markers, stickers, books).

If you would like to donate any of these items, contact your office's KECC coordinator, or call CFC's coordinator, Bonnie Cox at 564-5028.

Staff is invited to the kickoff, but those who are not KECC coordinators must use leave time to attend.

Last year, CFC employees throughout the state pledged \$137,440 to KECC charities.

Look for more information about the KECC pledge drive in the Pipeline.

CFC Returns to State Fair

By Anya Armes Weber

CFC will return to the Kentucky State Fair again this summer.

Our booth on Main Street Kentucky in the South Wing will be small, but we'll have a whole lot of helpful information for fairgoers.

Look for more information about CFC's display in next week's Pipeline.

The fair is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily Aug. 15-25. Advance tickets are available to Kroger Plus Card holders at the grocery until Aug. 14. Those tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. Admission at the gate is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors. Parking is \$3.

Check out <http://www.kystatefair.org/> for details about shows, special admission days and exhibitors.

CFC Raises More Than \$8,300 for Big Brothers Big Sisters

By Anya Armes Weber

The Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children raised the most money of any state agency in the 2002 Big Brothers Big Sisters campaign.

CFC raised \$8,345 through various fund-raisers, including a bake sale and the chief Big Brothers Big Sisters pledge drive, Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS).

"I am proud of us!" said CFC's first-time BFKS coordinator, Eboney Mayewski. "Everyone was so cooperative and really came together to pull it off."

BFKS raises money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass, which serves Franklin and surrounding counties. The program matches adults with children ages 6-13 who are from single-parent homes.

The Cabinet with the second-highest amount raised for the group was Finance with \$8,033.

This year CFC had 157 bowlers. In 2001, the Cabinet raised \$2,561.75 and had 59 bowlers.

Mayewski and the Cabinet will be recognized for this year's contributions at a reception before next year's kickoff in February or March.

Next year, Mayewski would like CFC to reach a goal of \$9,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Mayewski thanked the CFC office coordinators, bowlers and all contributors to CFC's pledge drive.

You Could Save a Life!

The blood mobile will be at Quality Central Office at 730 Schenkel Lane on Thursday August 8, 2002 from 8:00 until 10:30. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Pat Gaines at 564-2283, ext. 4461.

Renew Online

The kyrenew.com site now provides an easy way to get your vehicle registration renewed, plus access to information, E-forms, answers to frequently asked questions, county clerk information, personalized license plate queries, and other information.

To be eligible to use the Internet renewal site

- ◆ A company that voluntarily provides electronic verification of insurance must currently insure the vehicle(s).
- ◆ The vehicle(s) renewed must have current registration(s).
- ◆ The owner of the vehicle(s) cannot have overdue property taxes on any other vehicles.
- ◆ The address on the registration renewal notice must be current.
- ◆ The vehicle(s) must be a passenger vehicle or a light truck.
- ◆ The customer must have a VISA or MasterCard.
- ◆ The customer must have available their latest vehicle registration and title certificates.
- ◆ The vehicle(s) cannot be leased.

